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1. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 18 THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
BACK TO THE VILLAGE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN BOARD K.B. SINGH
LASHED OUT AT INDIAN CRITICS OF HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES
IN NEPAL, SINGH, WHO MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONDING TO THE
FORMATION OF A "FREE KOIRALA" COMMITTEE IN INDIA (REFTEL)
SAID THAT ACTIVITIES OF AN INDIAN PLITICAL PARTY RE-
GARDING NEPAL'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS WAS "NOTHING BUT AN ATTEMPT
TO SPREAD MISUNDERSTANDING" ABOUT THE TRUE SITUATION IN THE
CONTRY. "THE RIMES OF B.P. KOIRALA, "HE SAID, " WOULD
NOT BE WITEWASHED BY REMARKS IN HIS FAVOR, NOR WILL THE
LEGAL ACTIONS AGAINST HIM BE STOPPED BY IRRESPONSIBLE
ATTEMPTS TO MEDDLE IN NEPAL'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS".

2. SINGH SAID THE THE PANCHAYAT SYSTEM IS
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STRONG ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND EXTERNAL PRESSURE "FROM
ANY QUARTER." HE ASKED RHETORICALLY WHETHER INDIAN
LEADERS WHO CLAIMED TO BE FOLLOWERS OF GANDHIAN PHIL-
OSPOHY OF NON-VIOLENCE COULD JUSTIFY THEIR SUPPORT FOR
A MAN WHO PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR VILENECE AND "DACOITERY".
HE DOUBTED WHETHER INDIAN SUPPORT FOR KOIRAL WAS IN
LINE WITH "ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL NORMS NOT TO TRY TO

IMPOSE AN ALIEN IDEOLOGY ON ONE'S NEIGHBOR".

3. SINGH NOTED THAT "TENSION IS BOUND TO INCREASE (BETWEEN INDIAN AND NEPAL) BY POLITICS OF IDEOLOGICAL EXPANSIONISM". "IT IS UNFORTUNATE", SINGH CONTINUED, "THAT THE VIEWS OF SOME INDIAN LEADERS RUNS COUNTER TO THE NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY". HE WONDERED WHETHER "PRESSURE" BEING EXERTED BY SOME INDIAN POLITICIANS WAS AN ATTEMPT TO SHIFT INDIA'S POLICIES OF SEEKING NON-ALIGNMENT, AS WELL AS ITS STATED POLICY OF SEEKING BETTER RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS.

4. CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF INDIA WOULD NOT BE TAKEN IN BY THOSE WHO "TREAD THE WRONG PATH." HE SAID THAT NEPALESE ENJOY "UNDISTURBED RIGHTS" UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE KING.

5. COMMENT: SINGH IS AN ARCH-CONSERVATIVE CHARGED WITH RUNNING THE KING'S DE FACTO POLITICAL PARTY IN NEPAL AND ALTHOUGH NOT KNOWN FOR MINCING WORDS, HIS COMMENTS ARE SURPRISINGLY SHARP GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE HIE IS ALSO A MINISTER (OF LAND REFORMS, FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION) OF THE GOVERNMENT. HIS PRESS CONFERENCE RECEIVED WIDE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE IN ALL DAILIES AND CLEARLY REPRESENTS A PRE-CONCEIVED RESPONSE TO DEMANDS MADE BY INDIAN LEADERS FOR KOIRAL'S RELEASE. THE TIMES OF INDIA AND THE STATESMAN OF APRIL 16 (REFTEL) WERE BOTH BANNED IN THE COUNTRY, BUT NEPALESE WE HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TALKED WITH HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE FORMATION OF WHAT THEY CONSIDER SUCH A HIGH POWERED COMMITTEE TO DEFEND KOIRALA. MORE DISTURBING TO THEM IS THE FACT THAT BOTH NARAYAN'S APPEAL AND OTHERS HAVE NOT LIMITED THEMSELVES TO A CALL FOR KOIRALA'S FREEDOM BUT HAVE ALSO DEMANDED LIBERALIZATION OF NEPAL'S POLITICAL SYSTEM. WE WOULD EXPECT THE POLEMICS TO CONTINUE ON BOTH SIDES, ALTHOUGH AS YET WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS DECIDED TO TAKE A STAND.
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